

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A data processing apparatus comprising:
- detection means for detecting whether an illegal process has been performed for input digital contents on the basis of a result obtained by performing a predetermined operation for at least a part of said digital contents; and
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- processing means for, when said detection means detects that the illegal process has been performed, performing a predetermined process for said digital contents.
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2. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processing means performs a filtering process.
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3. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processing means reduces a resolution of said digital contents.
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4. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processing means encrypts said digital contents.
5. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processing means adds a bit string to said digital contents.

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6. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processing means adds visible or invisible information to said digital contents.

5 7. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processing means stores information concerning said digital contents.

10 8. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processing means halts the output of said digital contents.

15 9. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processing means corrects said digital contents and outputs the corrected digital contents.

20 10. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said digital contents are image data, and said control means corrects colors of said image data.

25 11. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, to detect an illegal activity, said detection means obtains a hash value by using at least one part of said digital contents.

12. A data processing method comprising:

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detection step for detecting whether an illegal process has been performed for input digital contents on the basis of a result obtained by performing a predetermined operation for at least a part of the digital contents; and

a processing step of, when it is detected at said detection step that the illegal process has been performed, performing a predetermined process for said digital contents.

13. A storage medium on which a computer-readable program is stored, said program comprising:

a detection step of detecting whether an illegal process has been performed for input digital contents on the basis of result obtained by performing a predetermined operation for at least a part of said digital contents; and

a processing step of, when it is detected at said detection step that the illegal process has been performed, performing a predetermined process for said digital contents.

14. A data processing apparatus comprising:

operation means for performing a predetermined calculation using data values that constitute input digital contents and that are included in a first subset;

5 comparison means for comparing the value obtained
through said predetermined calculation with said
information that is extracted.

16. A data processing method comprising:
an operation step of performing a predetermined
calculation using data values that constitute input
digital contents and that are included in a first sub-
set;

a comparison step of comparing the value obtained through said predetermined calculation with said information that is extracted.

17. A storage medium on which a computer-readable

program is stored, said program comprising:

an operation step of performing a predetermined calculation using data values that constitute input digital contents and that are included in a first sub-set;

an extraction step of extracting information that is embedded as a digital watermark in a second sub-set composed of said data values that constitute said digital contents; and

a comparison step of comparing the value obtained through said predetermined calculation with said information that is extracted.

18. A data processing apparatus comprising:

operation means for performing a predetermined calculation using data values that constitute input digital contents and that are included in a first sub-set; and

embedding means for embedding a result obtained by said predetermined calculation in a second sub-set composed of said data values that constitute said digital contents.

19. A data processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said operation means calculates hash values for said data values that are included in said first sub-set.

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22. A data processing apparatus comprising:
embedding means for embedding, in digital
contents, a digital watermark that includes a time
whereat said digital contents were prepared; and
file preparation means for preparing a file that
accompanies said digital contents and for writing in

said file a file update time.

23. A data processing method comprising:

an embedding step of embedding, in digital
5 contents, a digital watermark that includes a time
whereat said digital contents were prepared; and
a file preparation step of preparing a file that
accompanies said digital contents and of writing in
said file a file update time.

10 24. A storage medium on which a computer-readable
program is stored, said program comprising:

an embedding step of embedding, in digital
contents, a digital watermark that includes a time
15 whereat said digital contents were prepared; and
a file preparation step of preparing a file that
accompanies said digital contents and of writing in
said file a file update time.

20 25. A data processing apparatus comprising:

extraction means for extracting a digital contents
preparation time, from digital contents in which
information indicating said digital contents
preparation time is embedded as a digital watermark,
25 and a digital contents update time, from a file in
which said digital contents update time is written; and
comparison means for comparing said preparation

time with said update time.

26. A data processing method comprising:

5 an extraction step of extracting a digital
contents preparation time, from digital contents in
which information indicating said digital contents
preparation time is embedded as a digital watermark,
and a digital contents update time, from a file in
which said digital contents update time is written; and
10 a comparison step of comparing said preparation
time with said update time.

27. A storage medium on which a computer-readable
program is stored, said program comprising:

15 an extraction step of extracting a digital
contents preparation time, from digital contents in
which information indicating said digital contents
preparation time is embedded as a digital watermark,
and a digital contents update time, from a file in
20 which said digital contents update time is written; and
a comparison step of comparing said preparation
time with said update time.

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